

RESOLUTION NO. 70-12

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO STATE
LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION
RELATING TO DRUG SCREENING OF POTENTIAL
AND EXISTING BENEFICIARIES OF TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this legislation would require the Department of Children and Family Services to perform a drug test on an applicant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits; requiring such individual to bear the cost of the drug test; requiring the department to provide, and the applicant to acknowledge receipt of, notice of the drug-screening policy; requiring the department to increase the amount of the initial TANF benefit by the amount paid by the individual for the drug testing; providing procedures for testing and retesting; requiring the department to provide information concerning local substance abuse treatment programs to an individual who tests positive; providing conditions for an individual to reapply for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits; providing that, if a parent is ineligible as result of failing a drug test, the eligibility of the children is not affected; provided conditions for designating another protective payee; providing rulemaking authority to the department; providing an effective date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby urges the Ohio State legislature to enact legislation relating to drug screening of potential and existing beneficiaries of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Senator Michael Skindell and State Representative Nicholas Celebrezze.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to urge the State legislature to begin discussion on this matter, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: __________
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO